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Subject: Canceled: HOLD: United Tribes of Bristol Bay meeting with Acting Administrator

Please hold this time for a meeting with the United Tribes of Bristol Bay. Their meeting request is below. Please spread the word to the appropriate staff.

The Administrator's office is in the process of scheduling the meeting. There will be a call-in number for the Region.

The following people have been invited, at the request of the UTBB (with some added by myself):

Bob Perciasepe
Bob Sussman
Dennis McLerrin
Nancy Stoner
Ken Kapocis
Bicky Corman
Heidi Nelven
Jessica Scott
Marissa McInnis
Noah Dubin
Michelle Depass
Joanne Chase
Denise Keehner
Dave Evans
Russ Kaiser
Palmer Hough
Jenny Thomas
Rachel Fertik
Jeff Frithsen
Kate Schofield
Rick Parkin
Phil North
Heather Dean
Sheila Eckman
Bill Dunbar
Cara Steiner-Riley
Tami Fordham

Karen Koslow
Felicia Wright
Diana Southerland

April 12, 2013

Nancy Sutley, Chair of Whitehouse Council on Environmental Quality
Jay Jensen, Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems
Drew McConville, Senior Advisor

Council on Environmental Quality
722 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Re: Government-to-Government Consultation Request

Dear Ms. Sutley, Mr. Jensen, and Mr. McConville:

I am writing to request a government-to-government consultation with you on behalf of the United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) regarding the proposed Pebble mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay region. Please consider a meeting during the week of Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 10, 2013.

UTBB is a consortium organized by seven federally recognized Tribes to advocate for and on behalf of its member Tribes on issues related to large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay region. The seven member Tribes are: Nondalton, Levelock, Curyung, Ekuk, Ekwok, Manokotak, and Togiak. These Tribes have passed Resolutions delegating governmental authority to UTBB to act as a political subdivision of its member Tribes. As such, UTBB has all powers and immunities that its member Tribes otherwise possess by virtue of their status as federally recognized Tribes. (Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 77 Fed. Reg. 47,868 (Aug. 10, 2012)). The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has been retained by UTBB to act as counsel and to represent its interests in legal matters.

During the government-to-government consultation, UTBB would like to:

- 1) Present UTBB's comments in response to the draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- 2) Present a formal resolution urging you to support EPA's use of Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act in making an advanced permitting determination on the proposed

Pebble mine.

UTBB looks forward to engaging in meaningful consultation with you and meeting on a government-to-government basis.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Kendall Miller

Native American Rights Fund